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THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited) will despatch the S.S. "HIMALAYA," 1,341 Tons, 250 H.P., Commander C. Cowper, as above from Bombay via Kurrachee on TUESDAY, the 14th September. Cargo and Passengers can be booked from Bombay and all the Ports at which the Company's Steamers touch.

The HIMALAYA is fitted in the usual style of the Company's Vessels, and has excellent accommodation for 38 First-class Passengers and 10 Second-class.

The HIMALAYA will leave Kurrachee on Saturday the 25th September 1875.

The Kurrachee Steamers leaving Bombay on WEDNESDAY, the 15th September, and on MONDAY, the 20th idem, with Cargo and Passengers, will be in time for her at Kurrachee.

For Freight or Passage apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 31st August, 1875.

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THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every week.

The S. S. KHUNDALLA 2,000 Tons, 221 H. P., Commander G. W. Wicks, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 23rd September 1875, at 4 P.M.

Sept. 1875.		Sept. 1875.	
Leaves BOMBAY	23	Leaves Colombo	2
„ Rutnagherry (Kalbadevee Bay)	24	„ Galle	3
„ Carwar	25	„ Negapatam	6
„ Mangalore	26	„ Madras	8
„ Cannanore	27	„ Coconada	10
„ Telicherry	28	„ Vizagapatam	11
„ Calicut	28	„ Bimlipatam	11
„ Beypore	28	„ Calingapatam	12
„ Cochin	29	„ Gopalpore	12
„ Alleppey	29	Arrives CALCUTTA	15
„ Tuticorin	Oct. 1		

Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked by the Steamers on this line hence or from intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle to the Messageries Maritime Company's Steamers, which run regularly.

Also for Batavia, Sourabaya, Tjillatjap, Palembang, Pontianak, Aicheen, Padang and Moluccos Islands, to go forward by the Messageries Maritime and Netherlands India S. N. Companies.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

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THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every week to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, GUADUR, JASK, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, BUSREH, and occasionally at BAHREIN, and MAHOMERAH.

The S. S. PUNJAB, 1080 Tons, 200 H. P., Commander J. Melville, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 24th September 1875, at 4 P.M.

Sept. 1875.		Oct. 1875.	
Leaves BOMBAY	24	Leaves BUSREH	13
„ Kurrachee	1	„ Mahomerah	13
„ Muscat	Oct. 1	„ Fao	13
„ Bunder Abbas	3	„ Bushire	15
„ Linga	5	„ Lingah	20
„ Bahrein	6	„ Bunder Abbas	22
„ Bushire	7	„ Jask	22
„ Fao	9	„ Guadur	25
„ Mahomerah	9	„ Kurrachee	29
Arrive Busreh	10	„ BOMBAY...Nov.	1

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the weekly service from England, will, during the Fair season, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every FRIDAY, at 4 P.M., and an Extra Steamer on every MONDAY at 12 P.M.

The S.S. COCONADA, 861 Tons, 120 H. P., Commander A. Monro, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 20th September 1875, at 2 P.M. calling at Veraval, Porc Bunder and C. Mandvie.

The S. S. PUNJAB, 1,080 Tons, 200 H. P., Commander J. Melville, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 24th September 1875, at 4 P.M.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

THE REGULAR STEAMERS LEAVE GENOA, and BOMBAY on the 14th *of each month.*

PASSENGERS' RATES.

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
Aden	£22	£15	£4	Without food.
Suez	36	22	8	
Port Said	38	24	9	
Messina	50	34	14	
Naples	50	34	14	
Leghorn	50	34	14	
Genoa	50	34	14	
Marseilles	52	35	14-10	

Children under 3 years, free of charge. Children not above 10 years, half fare.

NEXT STEAMERS FROM BOMBAY:—

SUMATRA, to sail on FRIDAY, 1st October, 1875.
INDIA, to sail on MONDAY, 1st November, 1875.
ARABIA, to sail on WEDNESDAY, 1st December, 1875.
SUMATRA, to sail on SATURDAY, 1st January 1876.
ASSYRIA to sail on SATURDAY, 15th January 1876.

From the 1st January 1876 Steamers will leave Genoa on the 10th and 28th, and Bombay on the 1st and 15th of every month, until further notice.

All Steamers of this Company have large First and Second-Class accommodation; and always carry a Doctor and a Stewardess on board.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For hand-books of information, rates of freight, &c, apply to

C. GRONDONA,
Agent Rubattino Steam Navigation Company,
No. 9, Hummum Street,

Bombay, 20th August 1875.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per S.S. BELLONA, arrived from LIVERPOOL, are requested to PAY FREIGHT and SEND their BILLS of LADING and DELIVERY ORDERS for our inspection and countersignature, and TAKE DELIVERY of their respective GOODS. No CLAIM for DAMAGE or SHORT DELIVERY will be admitted under any circumstances unless PASSED by the CAPTAIN before the DEPARTURE of the vessel.

DAVID SASSOON & Co.,
Agents s. s. Bellona.

Bombay, 15th September 1875.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per S. S. TRINACRIA, arrived from GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL, are requested to SEND their BILLS of LADING and DELIVERY ORDERS for our inspection and countersignature, and to TAKE DELIVERY of their respective GOODS.

No CLAIMS for DAMAGE or SHORT DELIVERY will be admitted under any circumstances unless PASSED by the CAPTAIN before DEPARTURE of the Vessel.

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co.,
Agents s. s. Trinacria.

Bombay, 16th September 1875.

SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE following or other first-class Vessels will be despatched for EUROPE :

Vessels.	Captain.	Tons.	H.P.	Sept.	
KHEDIVE	J. D. Steward.	3742	600	24th—Southampton.	Oct.
HINDOSTAN	N. Roskell	3113	600	4th—Suez, &c.	
BOKHARA	W. D. Anderson	2933	450	11th—Southampton.	
ZAMBESI	G. F. Cates	2432	400	18th—Suez, &c.	
LOMBARDY	E. M. Gillson	2723	450	25th—Southampton.	

Passengers are booked to Malta, Gibraltar and Southampton by every Mail. The Southampton Steamers proceed to that port direct; but by the alternate steamers Passengers change vessels at Suez.

Passengers to Brindisi, Ancona, and Venice are carried by every Steamer, but proceed by rail from Suez to Alexandria.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Masagon, on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Masagon at 3 P.M. precisely on the day of sailing.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

Bombay, 10th September 1875.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Monday, the 20th September 1875, at 3 P.M., from Masagon

THE P. and O. Co.'s S. S. KASHGAR, (2,621 tons, and 450 H. P.), Captain G. J. Baker, will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged at the Company's Office before noon, on Friday, the 17th September 1875.

GEORGE F. HENRY,
Bombay, 8th September, 1875. Superintendent.

STEAM TO KING GEORGE'S SOUND, ADELAIDE, MELBOURNE, AND SYDNEY.

On SATURDAY, the 18th Sept., at 3 P.M., from Masagon.

THE Peninsular and Oriental Company's Steam-ship PERA, 2,119 Tons, and 450 H. P., Captain R. Methven, will be despatched as above, calling at Galle.

For Freight or Passage apply to

GEORGE F. HENRY,
3, Rampart Row, 11th September 1875. Superintendent.

SALES BY AUCTION.

MENESSE AND COMPANY.

AUCTION SALE OF MATCHES.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 18th instant, at 2 P.M. Messrs. MENESSE & Co. will sell by Public Auction in the Godown of Messrs. Volkart Brothers near the Two Tanks, Duncan Road, on account of whom it may concern the undermentioned cases of Matches.

Ex Barque "Clara."

1344—40/60—15 cases 25 gross each, damaged small safety Matches.			
V	61/75—15	„	„ Tiger Do.
	121/35—5	„	„ Crown Do.
V 1393,	11/25—15	„	„ Tiger Do.
V 1334,	11/20—10	„	„ Crown Do.
V	330/333—4	„	„ Portrait Do.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 13th September 1875.

DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & COMPANY, NO. 13, APOLLO STREET.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 18th instant at 1 P.M. Messrs. DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & Co. will sell by Public Auction at their room in Appollo Street, No. 13.

An Invoice of Gentlemen's and Children's English Boots and Shoes, Dressing Glasses, Remnant pieces of silk Gown, Muslin, Barage, Worsted Damask, Flowered Marino, Striped Cashmere, Flowered Holland, Navy Duck, Glass, Crockery, Plated-ware, Table Cutlery, Tea Sets, Butter pots, Tea Sets, Large Jug, Double branch Wall-shades, Pictures in frames, &c.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable Household Furniture, Glass, Crockery, and Plated Articles, Carriage, Horse, &c., at No. 33, Marine Lines, Esplanade.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 18th instant, at 1 P.M., Messrs. DINSHAW HORMUSJEE and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the abovementioned place, the property of Mr. T. W. Pearson, Esq., (changing his residence) consisting of Rich Star cut glass dinner, dessert and tea sets, cups and saucers, plated dish covers, hot water curry dishes, cruet, pickle, egg and tray frames, butterpot, plated tea set, silver-ware, epergne, spoons and forks, knives and forks, a mahogany telescopic dining table, diningroom easy, rocking and American chairs, Brussels, tapestry and Venetian window curtains, pictures, Blackwood French polished round table, a bronze double light hanging argand lamp, an ottoman, carved French polished conversation couches, drawing room chairs, French polished carved pier tables, ladies' writing table, China jars on stands, handsome carpets, iron bound

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

FRIDAY EVENING, 17TH SEPT. 1875.

THE Liverpool Cotton Market yesterday closed dull, sales 10,000 bales, Mid Orleans on the spot being 1/16d. lower, but otherwise prices were unchanged. This morning's market opened dull, probable sales 10,000 bales, actual imports *nil*. Advices from New York, dated the 16th, quote the day's receipts of Cotton at U. S. Ports at 5,000 bales, exports to Great Britain *nil*; Mid Uplands 14½; futures 1/16 lower; Gold 116; Exchange on London 4·79; Bar Silver 56¾. Reuter gives the following digest of the Washington Agricultural Bureau's report on the American Cotton Crop for the month of September:—"The condition of the crop is better "in Mississippi, Louisana and Arkansas "than last month. Worse on the At-"lantic Coast, Alabama and Texas. The "only States reporting a lower condition "than in 1874 are South Carolina, Georgia and "Florida." With merely this information to guide us, it is yet too early to form any distinct idea as to the extent of the crop, but it is evident that at present there is a promise of something over last season's yield, and the current Liverpool estimates of 4 to 4¼ millions of bales do not, therefore, seem unreasonable.

The London General Produce Markets are unaltered in every respect. We learn, through Reuter, that the wheat crop in France is estimated at 96,600,000 hectalitres, which shows a surplus of 10 millions. In the ordinary course of things the bulk of this surplus will find its way to England, but not of necessity immediately, and it is questionable, therefore, whether the ordinary state of matters will be at all disturbed by this estimate.

Rupee Paper in London yesterday showed no change from the level of Saturday last. The weekly quotations for metals are unaltered, with the exception of Silesian Spelter which is 5s. per ton higher.

The weekly return of the Bank of England is again somewhat less favourable, the Reserve of Notes showing a decrease of £437,500 and Bullion to the same extent, while Bills Discounted are increased by £62,500. The extent of the changes are not of themselves unimportant, but it seems more than probable that we have now entered upon a gradually backward course in money, and although it may take some time yet to disturb the strength of the Bank, an upward movement is only a question of time. The Proportion of the Reserve to Liabilities has declined from 53¾ to 53 per cent., and the rate of discount on 6 months' sight Bank Bills is quoted at 2½ to 3 per cent.

Consols this morning are given at 94½, French Rentes at 104½.

In Sterling Exchange there has been very little doing again to-day, and rates are quite unaltered.

On Calcutta there has been no business done. Government Paper is dull and a trifle easier. We quote:—Fours Rs. 101 15/16; Fours and a half Rs. 102½; Fives and a half Rs. 108½ to ¾.

In the Share Market transactions have again been limited, and prices are not materially altered. Spinning shares are firm, and in some cases have commanded an improvement of Rs. 5 to Rs. 10 per share, but the advance is not general.

In Cotton we do not hear of anything having been done for export, and values are therefore nominally unchanged.

Freights are dull at yesterday's figures, say £2 7 6 for steamers, and £2 2·6 by sailing ship.

Piece Goods continue steady, but there is no movement of any kind to notice.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Number of Shares.	Nomi. Value p. sh.	Paid up.	Last Dividend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.		p. a.		
200,000	100	all	5 p.c.	Agra Bank	94
20,000	1,000	all	10 do.	Bank of Bengal	1,420
30,000	250	all	10 do.	Bank of Bombay New...	700
5,880	1,000	all	8 do.	Bank of Madras	1,170
80,000	250	all	4 do.	Chartered Mercantile Bank of Lon. & China	250
40,000	281¼	all	Nil.	Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China	216
40,000	200	all	5 p.ct.	Chartered Bank of India	150
45,000	250	125	5 do.	National Bank of India	113
60,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	485

PRESS COMPANIES.

15/	5,000	2,850	200 p.c.	Arabar Cotton Press Co..	1,325
200	2,000	1,100	50 ps.	Albert Co., Kurrachee..	720
100	500	all	18 p.c.	Albert Ginning Co.....	650
100	1,000	all	...	Albert Mills Co.....	1,105
150	42,000	11,000	200 p.	Apollo Press Co.....	3,700
175	1,000	all	...	Bellasy	725
150	500	all	65 ps.	Borax Company (New)....	5633/.
1,000	350	all	250 ps.	Indian Press Co.	3·0
400	250	all	8 p.c.	Broach Cotton Co.....	90
400	1,500	all	75 ps.	Carwar Co.....	900
230	250	all	...	Coconada Press Co	75
500	1,880	all	175 ps.	Colaba Press Co.....	4,200
400	1,000	all	30 p.c.	Dholera P. & G. Co.....	300
352	1,000	all	...	East India Press Co....	1,115
150	8,000	all	Rs.200	Fort Press Co.....	2,100
2,000	9,000	15	ps.	Franji Cowasji Press Company	300
200	500	all	100 ps.	French Pres Co.....	315
1,150	1,000	all	400 ps.	Imperial Press Co.....	375
2,125	400	350	45 ps.	Mofussil Press & Ginning Co.....	280xd
200	2,000	5,000	...	Meoli & Ivey Manufacturing Co., Ld.....	1,300
120	..	1,500	250 ps.	Prince of W. Press	700
200	500	all	100 ps.	Ramoo's Press Co.....	580
400	500	750	45 ps.	Scinde Press Co.....	375 xd.
750	1,000	750	...	Scinde & Punjaub Cotton Press Co., Limited.....	950
150	850	all	12 p.c.	Victoria Cotton Gin and Press Co	600 ml
450	1,000	..	125ps*	Vulkart's United Press Co.	850 xd.

Per share, for the half-year.

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	5,00)	all	60	Colaba Land Co.....	1,140
7,500	15)	all	..	Frere Land & Pier Co. Ld	95
1,750	2,000	2 000	20 p.a.	Mazagon Land	625
6,000	1,000	all	60 ds.	Port Canning Land Company, Limited	215

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

	£20	21 8 7	0 5 p.c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	251
—	£20	103 14 6	do.	Do. New £20 Shares.....	126
—	£20	65 7 3	do.	Ditto	72
—	£20	21 12 11	do.	Ditto	32
—	100	1,000	do.	B.B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,100
—	£18	19 6 9	15 do.	Do. New Shares	220

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

600	1,250	all	100*	Alexandra Spinning.....	1,250
2,500	2,500	all	200*	Alliance Spinning	2,750
300	2,000	all	...	Bhowuggur M. & P. Co.	1,595
1,000	1,000	all	100	Bombay United	1,120
2 400	150	150	10*	Broach Mills	170
900	1,000	750	...	Colaba Spinning.....	875
1,000	1,000	all	100 ps.	Dharumsey Spinning....	1,120
1,500	1,250	all	100 p.s	Fleming S. W. Co.....	950
1,400	1,000	all	100ps*	Great Eastern	1,070
700	1,000	all	100 ps.	Hindustan S. W. Co.....	950
750	1,000	all	100 p.s.	Jewraj Balloo Mills	1,055
..	800	..	...	Khandesh Spinning	800
300	1,150	all	Nil	Madras Spinning	875
..	500	..	500	Madras U. Spinning	850
2,500	1,000	all	70	Manockji Petit's.....	1,265xd
1,050	1,000	all	100ps*	Morarjee Spinning.....	1,120
4,000	625	all	40ps*	Oriental	635xd
600	1,250	250	...	Prince of Wales Spinning	650
1,000	1,000	1,000	100ps.	Soonderdas Spinning ...	950
800	1,000	250	125ps	Do. do. 1/4 share.	235

Per share for the half-year.

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date L'dation.			
*	98	1194	...	Bank of China	1
...	...	...	...	East India Bank	1

MISCELLANEOUS.

1,000	12,500	1500	240 ps.	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	1,885
1,000	50	all	44 pct.	Bombay Gas Company....	65
600	1,000	all	...	Bombay Saw Mill Co....	700
800	500	300	...	Landing & Shipping Co. of Kurrachee, Ld.	140xd
2,150	200	100	8 p. c.	Malabar Company, Ld...	86
4,000	50	all	4 ps.	Mechanics' Build'gs Co...	20
1,000	500	all	30 ps.	Preachey & Co.....	370
..	250	all	40 ps.	Vicgas Patent Slip	32

CALCUTTA MONEY MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE "ENGLISHMAN," MONDAY EVENING, September 13.

The position of money is again looking slightly steadier, and the usual demand for the Doorga Poojah will now likely maintain present rates, although ordinary trade requirements keep very moderate. The banks' cash balances have decreased 12 lakhs, represented by an increase of the same amount in the Loans and Credits against Government Securities. The Bills discounted have fallen off 10 lakhs, but that is balanced by a decrease of 10 lakhs in the private deposits. The Government balances are unaltered, and an increase of about 7 lakhs in the banks' investments has been provided for by an increased issue of Post Bills, and by the minor items. The proportion of cash to liabilities is now rather under 63½ per cent.

In England the money market looks stronger, and as a demand for wheat is imminent, it is very likely dearer rates may soon follow, notwithstanding the present plethora of resources at the Bank, especially as the continental exchanges are becoming unfavourable. By last accounts, the Banks were restricting discounts very stringently, and now, if ever, the opportunity seems to have arrived when trade can be re-directed into solid and legitimate channels.

Shipments of Piece Goods and Yarns from England may therefore be expected to decline considerably ere long. In August the latter had declined, but the former, though moderate, were still too high for the Indian Markets. This month appearances point to smaller supplies, though the markets in Manchester are dull. There has been a better business here, and prices are slightly on the rise. If supplies do keep moderate, a good cold weather business is very probable.

There has been a large business in Jute during the past week, both for local consumption and export. Best marks have brought from 18-8-0 to 19-8-0 per Bale. The estimates of the Indigo crop are put considerably higher than expectations, from 117,000 to 120,000 maunds being now the idea of the best judges.

Exchange, Sterlings has kept quite steady, and the Banks' rate for telegraphic has again advanced to 1-9½. Their six-months' rates have also remained firm at 1-10 1-16 to 1 10¼, and purchases have been buts mail. Credits have been somewhat irregular, sales having been made to private buyers as low as 1-10½, whilst Banks have been able to buy at 1-10¼, and even a little at 1-10 5-16 under special circumstances. Document Bills are not plentiful, but it has been impossible to sell them better than previous rates; 1-10 5-16 for acceptance, and 1-10¾ for payment. The rates close without change, viz:—

Bank Bills, on demand....1s. 9¾ to 13-16.
do. 3 months' sight 1s. 9¾ to 15-16.
do. 6 " " 1s. 10 1-16d. to ¼.
Credits and Clean Private Paper,
6 months' sight 1-10 3-16 to ¼
Documents, Bills 6 " " 1s. 10-32d.

France.—Business has been done on last week's terms, namely, 2-34 fr. for three months, and 2-36 fr. for six month's sight document Bills.

Bombay.—Unchanged and nothing doing.

China.—There has been some selling of Opium Bills at thirty days' sight, the first finding buyers at 219, but latterly 218¾ has been established as the rate.

The price of silver in England remains at 56¾d., and no further shipments to India are announced. The arrivals here, for the week, have been about 30 lakhs, and very little more is known to be on the way.

Stocks and Shares.

This market is very flat indeed, and although a fair number of transactions have occurred during the week, their aggregate amount is trifling, and there is no disposition to invest or to speculate at present prices; the increased ease in money having again abated, there is now little if any prospect of a larger business setting in this side of the holidays.

Government paper is less lively than last week, and sellers have preponderated. Rates, however, have not suffered much, as paper is not being pressed on the market. Four per cents, have been dealt in moderately, at from 2 1/16 down to 1 15/16 premium, and there has been a sale of a good amount of four-and-a-half per cent. paper as low as 2½ premium. In five and a halfs, only small amounts have changed hands, the prices being 8¾ and 8½ premium.

The present rates are—

4	per cents.....	101⅞ to 102
4½	" "	102¾ to 103
5½	" "	108¼

East India Railway stock has been disposed of at 260 and 258, and Ouch and Rohilkund at 125.

Bank Shares are scarcely so strong as they were, and Bengals have been sold at 1,420 and 1,417½, and to-day a considerable lot at 1,416. Nationals are tolerably steady, and first brought from 116 to 117, but latterly 115 to 115½ for cash, and 116 to 116½ for time.

Tea Shares show no improvement, and sales are difficult to effect. Darrungs have been rather fluctuating, with sales at from 70 to 73, and subsequently at from 72 up to 74. Bisnauths keep steady, and there has been business at 365 for original, and at 58 premium for contributory shares. In East Indias there have been trifling transactions at 85 and 87, and in Singells at 102 and 102½. Central Cachars have been sold at 152, ten days delivery. Jokais at 105, Kalacherras at 100, and a few Upper Assams at 28, all three for cash. To-day there was a sale of Majagrams at 115.

Spinning Mill Shares have not varied, and a moderate business is going on at steady rates. Orientals have brought 70 per share, and Howrahs 27 to 26 discount. Sealpore 78, Fort Glosters 74 to 75, with one transaction so high as 77. Bowreahs are firm, and business has been done at 96 and 96½, but to-day 95 was taken for a small lot.

Coal Shares are still neglected, and the only business reported in them is Beerbhoums at 115, and Ranegunge at 94. Equitables are quoted at 240, and Bengals at 1,250, both nominal.

Miscellaneous Shares.—The half-yearly report of the India General Steam Co. is viewed favourably, and although a little flatness ensued on its issue, some people having been expecting a 50 rupee dividend, and feeling disappointed at the declaration of only 35 rupees, a renewed demand for the shares soon arose, prices close at their best. The earlier business of the week was at from 415 to 420, and the later at 420 to 425. Strand Bank press have been sold at the very low price of 10 each, but they are difficult to get below 15, the par value being 100.

BANK OF MADRAS.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Madras on 11th September, 1875:—

LIABILITIES.	Rs.	a.	p.
Capital	56,25,000	0	0
Public Deposits	93,37,642	8	7
Other Deposits	77,48,228	11	0
Cash Credits.....	3,60,750	13	10
Post Bills	9,676	6	6
Reserve Fund	4,50,000	0	0
Special Reserve Fund	.....		
	Rs. 2,30,30,648	8	8

ASSETS.	Rs.	a.	p.
Silver & Notes.....	98,71,752	6	6
Govt. Reserve Cash	25,43,142	1	9
Govt. Securities.....	39,22,825	8	0
Loans	15,53,577	3	8
Account of Credits	5,57,969	0	0
Mercantile Bills discounted	28,01,113	14	10
Dead Stock	2,23,493	8	10
Bills of Exchange.....	8,20,6 8	12	9
Due by other Banks.....	7,68,676	0	0
	Rs. 2,30,30,648	8	8

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

Statement of Traffic, for week ending 11th September, 1875.

Open, 1,278½ Miles.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Coaching	50,663	8	3
Merchandise	1,46,621	0	0
Electric Telegraph.....	670	0	0
Municipal Trains.....	607	8	0
Total Rs.....	2,07,562	0	3

Corresponding week last year,
open 1,278½ miles..... Total Rs..... 1,83 029 15 3

Increase Rs..... 24,532 1 0

HIGH COURT—18TH SEPTEMBER.

(Before the Honourable the Chief Justice and the Honourable Mr. Justice Garth.)

Appeals for hearing and final disposal.

281-73—Fletcher and Smith—Jacob Hajee Jamall v Shaik Issa bin Khullifa—Macfarlane and Skipsey—Part heard.

(Before the Honourable Sir Charles Sargent, Knight.)

LONG CAUSES.

362 75—Craigie, Lynch and Owen—Nusserwanjee Manockjee Petit v Ramchandass Gallu and others—Shepherd and Thakurdass, Jefferson and Payne, and Hearn, Cleveland and Lee-Warner—Part heard.

365-75—Fletcher and Smith—Hoosjeebhoy Jeena v Edward Baudry and another—Jefferson and Payne.

366-75—Shapoorjee and Thakurdass—Ludwig Knoop and another v Mahabardass Lowjee—Molljee and Bomanjee.

368-75—Shapoorjee and Thakurdass—Ludwig Knoop and another v Tribhowundass Ruttonjee Mody—Molljee and Bomanjee.

262-75—Rimington, Hore and Langley—Mahaluxmibai widow v Chuggon Mugnoo—Lynch and Tobin.

357-75—Jefferson and Payne—Solomon Volkart and others, v Gocouldass Muccoonjee and another.

(Before the Honourable Mr. Justice Bayley.)

LONG CAUSES.

369-75—Remington, Hore and Langley—Abdool Satar Hajee Mahomed v Hajee Vydia Hajee Ebraham and others—Lynch, Howard and Tobin, Mooljee and Mr. Nasoe.

275-75—Jefferson and Payne—Bomonjee Muncherjee v C Velladeram—Fletcher and Smith.

252-75—Jefferson and Payne—Morwanjee Dhuojibhoy v Gocouldass Dewjee—K Mirojee.

437-74—Tyabjee and Sayane—Nanabhoy Wishwanath and others v Gopalsowmi Naik—Remington, Hore and Langley.

152-75—Chalk and Turner—Dossibai widow v Jugjeevandass Gangjee—Prescot and Winter.

390-75—Jefferson and Payne—Pestonjee Khimjee and another v Mercally Dams.

235-75—Tyabjee and Sayani—Hubibhoy Cassumbhoy v Fazullah Cassumbhoy—J C. Cama and Macfarlane and Skipsey.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE British ship Contest, 965 tons, Commander T. James, will sail to-day, for Hull, with a cargo of 26,494½ cwts. linseed.

The P. and O. Co's s s Pera, 1,202 tons Commander R. T. Methven, will sail to-day for Australia &c., with H. M's Mails, a general cargo and the following passengers:—For Melbourne.—Mr. Amrey, Col Macgregor, Mr. Hukman, Mr. McLeod and Mr. Russell. For Sydney.—Mr. Walsh.

S. S. Punjaub.—The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s s Punjaub, 685 tons, Commander J. Melville, arrived in harbour on the 16th instant, from Persian Gulf via Kurrachee, with H. M.'s Mails, a general cargo, and the following passengers:—Capt. Seton, Dr. Greig, Mrs. Lemon and thirty-two deck passengers.

The B. I. S. N. Co's s s Rajpootana, 1,311 tons, Commander H. Morby, will sail to-day for Calcutta via Coast, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—For Carwar—Mr. and Mrs. Pratt and five children, and Mr. Dracup and two servants. For Tuticorin—Mr. J Hadgart. For diffort ports—Fifteen deck passengers.

S. S. Killarney.—The British s s Killarney, 1,060 tons, Commander H. O. Neill, will sail to-day for Aden, Jeddah, &c., via Kurrachee, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—For Kurrachee.—Thirty deck passengers. For Aden.—Five deck passengers. For Jeddah.—Two hundred and eighty-five pilgrims as passengers.

The American barque Victor, 696 tons, Commander J. Pond, arrived in harbour yesterday from New York 3rd May, via Port Elizabeth and Zanzibar, with the following cargo:—75 bales drills, 50 barrels pitch, 4,500 case kerosine oil, 100 barrels rosin, 950 cases turpentine and 1 case merchandize. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Dosabhoy Merwanjee and Co.

ARRIVALS.

Sept.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
16	Punjaub (s).....	Melville	Bussorah, Aug 30.
17	Victor	Pond	New York, May 3.

DEPARTURES.

Sept.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
17	Mongolia(s).....	Coleman	Aden, Suez, &c.
	Lovisa	McIntosh	Dunkirk.
	Mahi	Nacoda	Cochin and Colombo.
	Rajpootana(s).....	Morby	Calcutta via Coast.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—Steamer Pera, Methven, for Australia.

Steamer Killarney, O'Neill, for Aden, Jeddah, &c, via Kurrachee.

Ship Contest, James, for Hull.

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—Steamer Bellona, for Liverpool via the Canal.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Sept.			
13	Mahratta (s)	Pollock	Kyouk Phyoo, Sept 8.
	Lucille	Waite	Liverpool, May 29.

DEPARTURE.

Sept.			
13	North American	.....	.....

MADRAS.

ARRIVAL.

Sept.			
13	Lombardy (s)		Southampton.

DEPARTURES.

Sept.			
14	Indie	.....	London.
	Lombardy	.....	Calcutta.

DAILY IMPORTS—SEPTEMBER 17.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Celia s, 20 casks paints, Joseph Soares.
Zante s, 100 barrels tar, Ruttonjee Nowrojee and Co.

FROM LONDON.

Yeddo s, 12 cases cognac, Cutler, Palmer and Co.
Timor s, 2 hogsheads gin 4 hogsheads sherry, 2 hogheads brandy, and 24 cases champagne—utler, Palmer and Co; 25 casks ale, C Bouneviaile and Co.
Clara, s, 7 cases oilmanstore, Dhunjeebhoy Rustomjee.

DAILY EXPORTS.—SEPTEMBER 17.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Khedive s, 60 bales wool, Jaitha Yuria.
Celia s, 2,000 bags wheat, Finlay, Scott and Co.
Trimacria s, 1,000 bags wheat, S Tyabjee and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Khedive s, 1 package woollen carpets, Punnet and Co; 5 bales skin, 5 cases fishmaws, and 10 cases mother o' pearl shells, Sulleman Molaima; 7 bales hides, R L Southern and Co; 7 bales skins, Abdoola Dawood Bawla; 258 bags wheat, Knoop and Co; 100 bales cotton, G Lockhart and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Kashgar s, 16 cases hecrabole and 8 cases mother o' pearl shells, Dowjeebhoy Mahamed; 63 bundles sumada stone, Futtaybhoy Amjeebhoy; 26 bales cotton, Jairazbhoy Peerbhoy; 70 bales cotton, Amirchund Pitamber; 86 chests opium, David Sassoon and Co; 284 chests opium, N J Abraham; 105 chests opium, D Sassoon and Co; 110 chests opium, D Sassoon and Co; 3 chests opium, M Maueckjee; 87½ chests opium, E D Sassoon.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—SEPTEMBER 7.

Guthrie, Major, H M's Staff Corps, on leave, from England.

SEPTEMBER 15.

Metcalfe, Capt, By 83rd Regt, on leave, from Poona.

SEPTEMBER 16.

Jopp, Capt, By Staff Corps, on leave, from Poona.
Morris, Lt-Col, By Staff Corps, on Med Cert, from Poona.
Reporter, Capt, H 65rd Regt, on Med Cert, from Umballa.
Randell, Capt, 20th H M's N I, on leave, from Nowgong.

SEPTEMBER 17.

Greig, Surg-Major, By A M D, on privilege leave, from Kurrachee.

DEPARTURES.—SEPTEMBER 16.

Metcalfe, Capt, By 83rd Regt, on leave, to Ahmedabad.

SEPTEMBER 17.

Chambers, Major, H M's Staff Corps, on furlough, to England.
Reid, Lt-Col, By R A, on leave, to Poona.
Wetherall, Major, By 20th Regt N I, on leave, to Poona.
Hore, Capt, By 20th Regt N I, on leave, to Poona.

MADRAS GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(*Fort St. George Gazette*, September 14.)

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The undermentioned Officers have obtained leave of absence from their stations:—

Mr W Medhurst, Collr and Mag of Madura, fourteen months' furlough to Europe on medical certificate under Section 10 (a) with subsidiary leave for a period not exceeding thirty days under section 18 (b), of the Civil Leave Code

The Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

Mr Henry William Bliss, Sub-Collr and Joint Mag of Madura, to act as Collr and Mag of that Dist during the absence of Mr W Medhurst on leave, or until further orders.

Mr W S Foster, Collr and Mag of the Godavery Dist, resumed charge of the Dist from Mr J Kelsall, the Actg Collr, on the afternoon of the 25th ultimo.

Mr J R Garwin, Collr and Mag of South Arcot, resumed charge of the Dist from Mr G D Irvine, the Actg Collr, on the afternoon of the 25th ultimo.

Mr H Gomperts, 1st Asst Supt Revenue Survey, will be considered to have acted as Depy Supdt, Revenue Survey, from 6th July to 4th Sept, during the absence on privilege leave of Mr W Beaumont, Depy Supdt, Revenue Survey.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Rev H A Williams, M A, Chaplain of Vizagapatam, three months' privilege leave, from 20th Dec 1875, under Section 12, Supplement E, to the Civil Leave Code.

Mr F Brandt, Actg Dist and Sessions Judge, Godavery Division to be a Lay Trustee of the Church at Rajahmundry, vice Mr J G Horsfall resigned.

Lt-Col A M Davies, Madras S C, to be a Lay Trustee of the Church at Coimbatore, vice Lt Grimes resigned.

Mr J A Marjoribanks, Depy Collr, North Arcot, to be a Lay Trustee of the Church at Chittoor.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

C Mariappa Mudaliar, B A, to be Sub-Registrar of Vellore, in the Dist of North Arcot.

Mr F H Woodroffe, Actg Dist and Sessions Judge, Ganjam Division, assumed charge of the Court from Mr J G Thompson on the forenoon of the 3rd August.

Mr G A Parker, Actg Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Cuddalore, deovered over charge of the Court to the Head Clerk on the afternoon of the 2nd Aug 1875.

R Vasudeva Row, Subordinate Judge of Negapatam, assumed charge of the Court on the forenoon of the 1st inst.

Maj J Mac D Smith reports his arrival at the Agent to the Govr of Fort St George in Ganjam having returned on the 12th ultimo, the unexpired portion of the privilege leave granted him in the *Gazette* of the 1st June 1870 is hereby cancelled.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Surgn-Maj M C Furnell, F R C S, Principal of the Madras Medical College, resumed charge of the office from Surgn-Maj R W Cockerill on the forenoon of the 1st inst.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Lt A F Dobson, Asst Engr, Malabar Dist having returned to duty on the 3rd inst, the unexpired portion of the leave granted him in the *Gazette* of the 29th June last is cancelled.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The undermentioned Officers are permitted to proceed to Europe:—

Capt L B Bance, S C, Gr Mr 15th Regt N I, on furlough on medical certificate for two years, under the Regulations of 1868, and to embark from Madras.

Capt J W S Butler, S C, Adjt 17th Regt N I, on furlough on medical certificate for two years, under the Regulations of 1868, and to embark from Calcutta.

Surg T J H Wilkins, Indian Medical Dept, on furlough on urgent private affairs for six months, under Rule XI of the Regulations of 1868, and to embark from Bombay.

Capt (Bt-Maj) Septimus Hodgson, Cadre 2nd Regt L Cavy, having completed twenty years, under Rule 9, is promoted to the rank of Lt Col by Brevet, from the 9th Sept 1875, subject to H M's approval.

The undermentioned Officer has reported his return from Europe:—

Capt A F Hamilton, Royal (Madras) Engrs, Adjt, Sappers and Miners, arrived at Madras on the 9th inst.

The following List received from the India Office, is published:—

List of Military Officers of the Madras Establishment permitted to return to duty.

Capt F A Wetherall and Capt A C Mottet.

The undermentioned Officers are permitted to proceed to Europe:—

Maj A G Murray, S C, on furlough on private affairs, for two years, under Rules IX and XV of the Regulations of 1868, and to embark from Madras.

Maj W Chisholm, of the S C, on furlough on private affairs for one year and eight days, under the Regulations of 1868, and to embark from Bombay.

With reference to G O G No 457, dated 9th July 1875, the services of Maj G C Hodding, of the S C, are replaced at the disposal of H E the C-in-C from the 1st Oct 1875.

The following promotion is made in the Medl Dept:—

Passed Hospital Apprentice William John Montgomery, to be 2nd-Class Asst Apothecary, from the 11th Aug 1875, to complete the Establishment.

BOMBAY STAFF CORPS.

To be Lieutenant.

Lt James Stewart King, 107th Regt, dated 1st Jan 1871.

POSTAL NOTICES.

DEPARTURE OF OCEAN MAILS.

	Date.		Mails.	After packet
United Kingdom	Sept. 24	...	3-30 P.M.	4-30 P.M
Kurrachee	" 21	...	11 A.M.	12 A.M
Persian Gulf via Kurrachee..	" 18	...	11 A.M.	12 A.M
Australian	" 18	...	3 P.M.	No after packet.
China	" 20	...	4 P.M.	
Mauritius and Reunion	" 24	...	3-30 P.M.	4 P.M.
Zanzibar, &c.	" 24	...	3-30 P.M.	4-30 P.M.

OVERLAND MAIL.

In supersession of this Office Notice, dated the 28th September last, it is notified that, until further notice, the Overland Mail Steamers of the P. and O. S. N. Company will leave Bombay every Friday soon after 5 p.m., the following revised arrangements in the hours for closing Mails will come into operation from the said date:—

Letters will be received at the General Post Office up to 3-30 P.M.

Newspapers, Books, and Patterns up to 1-30 p.m.

registered Letters up to 1 p.m.

Registered Letters, if fully pre-paid together with an extra fee of 2 annas, will be received at the General Post Office between 1 and 3 p.m.

Late letters, if fully pre-paid by means of stamps in respect both of postage and of the *late letter fee* (4 annas each), will be received at the Wellington Pier Post Office from 3-30 to 5 P.M.

The latest hour for posting ordinary Overland covers at the several Branch Post Offices, will be 2-30 P.M., and registered at 3 P.M.

Fully pre-paid letters will be received on board the Overland Mail Steamers after 3 P.M., and up to starting time (5 P.M.) by the payment of an additional fee of 8 annas. All others will be refused.

The Overland Mail Steamers will leave Bombay as under—

	5 P.M.		5 P.M.
Friday.....	Sept. 24	Monday	Oct. 4
"	Oct. 1	"	Oct. 11

POSTAGE BY THE BRINDISI ROUTE.

The Postage rates chargeable on Correspondence forwarded via Brindisi, to the United Kingdom, or places served through the United Kingdom, are as follows:—

For the United Kingdom.

Each Letter per ½ ounce—annas 4.
Each Newspaper per 4 ounces—annas 2.
Each Book or Pattern Packet not exceeding one ounce—1 anna and 4 pice; not exceeding 2 ounces—annas 2, 8 pice; not exceeding 4 ounces—annas 4, 8 pice; every additional 4 ounces—annas 4, 8 pice.

The postage payment of Correspondence forwarded via Brindisi is optional, and allcovers not fully prepaid will, unless specially marked by the senders for transmission by any other route, be subject to and conformitations conditions, be forwarded via Southampton.

The postage chargeable on letters sent to the countries mentioned below *through Trieste* is as follows:—

	Present Rates per ½ oz. Annas Pies.	Revised Rates per ½ oz. Annas Pies.
Austria, Luxemburg German States, Austrian Post Offices in Turkey ...	8 8	8 0
Belgium, Denmark, Netherlands, Switzerland, Montenegro, Waldchia, Servia.....	9 4	9 0

CHINA MAILS.

China and Australian Mail Steamers will leave Bombay as follows:—

Monday	Sept. 4	P.M. Tuesday	Oct. 19
Tuesday	Oct. 5	"	Nov. 2

AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

Saturday	Sept. 18	Saturday	Oct. 16

In accordance with the above, Mails for Ceylon, Penang, Singapore, Hongkong, and the Australian Colonies will be closed at the General Post Office at 3 P.M.

Registered Letters will be received until 1 P.M. on the above dates.

MAURITIUS AND REUNION.

Regular Mails. *Supplemental Mails.*

riday	Sept. 24	Monday	Oct. 4

The dates of departure from Bombay of the Supplemental Mails for Mauritius and Reunion are in consonance with the Time Table of the Messageries Maritime Company; but as the French Mail Steamers occasionally leave Aden for the Mauritius before the arrival of the Bombay Overland Mail Steamers, the Indian Postal Department will not be responsible for any delay which the correspondence forwarded by that opportunity may sustain at Aden.

POSTAGE ON LETTERS FOR ZANZIBAR.

Under a Treasury Warrant received from Her Majesty's Post Master General, correspondence for letters for Zanzibar forwarded via Bombay to Aden by the Mail Steamers of the P. and O S. N. Company, and thence by the B. I. S. N. Company's vessels, is increased from 4 annas to 8 annas per half ounce.

2. Prepayment in full by this route is compulsory.

3. Letters forwarded by this route and by the continuation of the line to Mozambique, Delagoa Bay, Natal, and the Cape of Good Hope, will also be subject to an increase from 4 annas to 8 annas per half ounce.

4. Prepayment in full by this route is compulsory.

5. Letters forwarded by this route can be registered for Natal and the Cape of Good Hope, the registration fee being 4 annas per cover.

ZANZIBAR, NATAL, MOZAMBIQUE, DELAGOA AND TABLE BAY.

	3-30 P.M.		£ 30 P.M.
Friday	Sept. 24	Friday	Nov. 5
Friday	Oct. 1	Friday	Dec. 3

TO CALCUTTA.

Touching at the several Coast Stations.

Mails to Calcutta, and for the several Coast Stations, below Carwar per B. I. S. N. Company's Contract Steamers, will be despatched from Bombay on every Thursday during the monsoon.

Registered and ordinary Letters, as well as Book and Sample Packets and Parcels, can be posted up to 11 A.M. at the G. P. O., and late fee letters up to 1-30 on the day of departure of the Steamer, as above shown.

The latest hour for pos

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS FOR THE BOMBAY GAZETTE

THE NEXT RESIDENT AT BARODA.

SIMLA, 17TH SEPT.

Mr. Philip Sandys Melvill, of the Punjab Commission, will succeed Sir Richard Meade as Resident at Baroda.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

EXECUTION OF THE MURDERERS OF COLONEL HAMILTON.

RANGOON, 17TH SEPT.

The four dacoits concerned in the murder of Colonel Hamilton were executed to-day.

AMERICAN COTTON CROP.

LONDON, 16TH SEPT.

The Washington Agricultural Bureau's Report for September, on the condition of the Cotton crop, states that it is better in Mississipi, Louisiana and Arkansas than last month; worse on the Atlantic Coast, Alabama and Texas. The only States, however, reporting a lower condition than in 1874, are South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

INTERVIEW BETWEEN THIERS AND GORTSCHAKOFF AT VEVEY.

PARIS, 17TH SEPT.

An interview has taken place at Vevey between M. Thiers and Prince Gortschakoff.

The latter expressed fears that the French Government would be carried away by clerical re-action. Regarding the Eastern Question, he said its solution was momentarily adjourned, but he could nevertheless foresee the autonomy of Bosnia and the Herzegovina and the rectification of the Montenegrin frontier, with a port on the Adriatic.

GROUNDING OF THE STEAM SHIP DELHI.

ALEXANDRIA, 17TH SEPT.

The steam-ship Delhi grounded on the bar but subsequently floated off uninjured.

OBITUARY.—Major Farquharson, 42nd Highlanders.

LONDON, 16TH SEPT., AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed dull. Surats dull.

The London Cotton Market has been steady.

Fair Dhollera	4¾d.
Exchange on India	1s. 9¼d.
4 per cent. Rupee Paper	92
4½ do. do.	93
5 do. do.	99
3 per cent. Consols for Account	94⅜
5 per cent. French Rente, 1872	104½

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results :—

Reserve of Notes	£14,437,500	Dec.	£437,500
Bills Discounted	£18,662,500	Inc.	£62,500
Bullion	£26,662,500	Dec.	£437,500

Departure for Bombay via Suez Canal—Guy Mannering.

It is now stated that Miss Baring will accompany His Excellency the Viceroy to Bombay and thence to Indore. There the party will divide, the Viceroy making across country for Ajmere and Miss Baring proceeding to Calcutta.

Messrs. Watson and Co.'s (of Calcutta) Tea Report states that the amount of Indian tea exported from the 1st of January to the end of August this year, was 13,508,724lbs., as compared with 9,885,785lbs. during the corresponding period of last year.

His Excellency the Honourable the Governor of Bombay has been pleased, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of "The Indian Councils Act, 1861," to nominate Rao Bahadoor Beohordass Ambaidass to be an Additional Member of His Excellency's Council for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations only. This gentleman is a great banker at Ahmedabad.

We have terrible accounts, says the *Delhi Gazette*, from Delhi of the distress caused by the floods, so many persons being thus rendered homeless. The break on the Rajpootana State Railway is much more extensive than we at first had heard, some twenty-three miles or so of the line being clean washed away. Every effort is being made to repair the breach so that the traffic may be resumed as speedily as possible.

A handsomely got up Mussulman newspaper has been started in Madras entitled *Jarida-i-roszgar*, the special object of which, we hear, is to circulate information in connexion with the visit of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. The first number contains an interesting notice of H. R. H. and a variety of other information of value to the Mussulman community. The journal is said to be under the management of a highly respectable Mahomedan gentleman.

Madras proposes to spend Rs. 10,000 for the fireworks only, as it would, in the opinion of the Committee, be utterly impossible to make any great display with European fireworks with a smaller sum. If the fund collected will not allow that such a considerable portion shall be spent on this one item—they consider it the most important item—then they recommend that no fireworks of European manufacture be used at all but that only those made in this country be displayed.

From a private letter from Mandalay, the *Rangoon Mail* learns that the King is now wonderfully kind to the Chinese traders. He has accepted their presents which were declined on a late occasion of a feast by one of the Queen's. Instructions have likewise been issued to refund the duty levied on "returned" goods, and orders have been given to headmen of villages to afford every facility in recovering outstandings, or redressing grievances of Chinese. The King blames his Ministers for past misunderstandings, and people are all wondering at the sudden change of his attitude towards the Chinese.

Messrs. Watson and Co.'s Gunny-bag Report, published in Calcutta on Tuesday last, gives fuller proof of the rapid recovery of, and changes in, that trade, in a comparison of the exports of the four months—May, June, July, and August —this year and last. From this we see that in 1875, 393,750 bags were exported to America against none last year; to Australia, 2,141,214 as against 508,300; to China and the Straits, 3,562,655 as against 1,942,909; to Rangoon and Moulmein, 1,547,060 as against 1,732,000; to Chittagong and Akyab, 109,950 as against 203,550; to Madras, Ceylon, Bombay, and Kurrachee, 6,599,429 as against 7,840,074; to Great Britain, 170,081 as against none; and to Egypt, 556,936 as against none.

It is now officially announced, says the *Delhi Gazette*, that His Excellency the Viceroy will proceed to Bombay on the 20th instant, and will be received on board the Government steamer by the Governor of Bombay, the Commander-in-Chief, and the Members of Council. His Excellency will land at the Apollo Bunder, and will be received by a guard of honour of the 1st Battalion 4th Regiment, with the Regimental Band and Colours. The Viceroy will be conducted to Government House by a squadron of the 3rd Bombay Cavalry, and will be received at the entrance to the Government House grounds by a guard of honour of the 2nd Battalion 15th Regiment, with the Regimental Band and Colours. His Excellency will be received at the entrance to the Government House by the Governor of Bombay, the Commander-in-Chief, and the Members of Council. His Excellency will leave Bombay on the 23rd instant, and will proceed to Indore, where he will be received by the Maharaja Holkar. The Viceroy will be accompanied by Scindia, the Maharaja of Cashmere, Holkar, Sir Salar Jung, Sir Salar Jung, Travancore and Cochin, Rewah Rao of Kutch, and the Begum of Bhopal; and the following Knight Commanders:—The Rajah of Johore, the Maharajas of Vizianagram and Bulrampore, Jay Mungul Sing of Gidhore, and the Nawab Mohsin-ood-Dowlah of Lucknow. The order in which those invited are named denotes the relative positions they will occupy in the ceremony, which are determined solely by the date on which they were decorated. There are three Grand Commanders to be admitted on the occasion, *viz.*, the Maharaja of Jodhpore, the Nawab of Rampore, and the Raja of Jheend.

With regard to the health of the troops in Lucknow the local paper writes as follows:—"Since our last issue, the march of events, as far as cholera in Cantonments is concerned, has been far more rapid than pleasant. On Saturday there was a fresh outbreak in the 65th Regiment and the left half battalion was turned out of barracks the following morning; and on Monday afternoon the married families of the Artillery were put under canvas. The last move in connection with this lamentable state of affairs was made by a portion of the 13th Hussars, who marched to the encampment near Moosa Bagh yesterday (Tuesday) morning. These active measures have been taken, it is presumed, to prevent the disease assuming an epidemic form, as the deaths within the last few days might be numbered on the fingers of one hand. It is confidently anticipated that the plague will be completely stamped out by the end of the present week.

A Tientsin correspondent of the *N. C. Herald* gives the following account of Mr. Wade's visit to the Viceroy:—"Mr. Wade, accompanied by his Secretaries, was about to pay a visit by appointment to H. E. Li-Hung-chang, and had reached the gateway of the yamen, when further progress was barred in the usual manner, pending the 'invitation' to enter which the host should give on cards being presented. On the occasion in question, the delay in opening the gate was so prolonged that H. M.'s Minister caused his chair to be turned round and proceeded on his way homewards, although pursued and besought to return by emissary after emissary. The Chinese Secretary was sent back to the Governor-General to explain, and that high officer came a few hours later on the same day to call on Mr. Wade at the British Consulate. The blame was laid on a gatekeeper and others, who had been punished in consequence. The Governor-General's visit at the Consulate lasted over three hours. His Excellency's people appear to have been much more on the alert on subsequent occasions!

The Congress of German Journalists was opened at Bremen, August 22, and a resolution was unanimously adopted in favour of obtaining immunity from punishment for truthful reports of the public proceedings of the law courts. It was further resolved to procure Imperial legislation giving effect to the principle, which is based upon the indispensable anonymity of the public press, that when an editor has rendered himself liable to arrest under the provisions of the Press Law the authorities shall not be allowed to use compulsion for the purpose of ascertaining the names of other guilty parties, and that no one shall be bound to give evidence respecting the author or contributor of the incriminated matter. With regard to this point the meeting decided to aim at obtaining a legislative decision rendering it permissible to compel a witness to give testimony only in cases where the published matter involved a violation of the secrets of office. The following resolution was also agreed to:—"The Congress of Journalists declares the anonymity of the press to be a right which its highest duties render it imperative to maintain, and which should only be waived when a strict adherence to it would favour the impunity of crime."

The Government of Madras have approved of the proposal of the Local Fund Boards, Coimbatore, which has the concurrence of the Sanitary Commissioner, to offer these further inducements for the spread of vaccination, which are—A payment of 1 anna in each successful case to private vaccinators. A similar payment to public vaccinators of cases above the number of 1,200 annually, travelling batta to their Superintendent, ten months at 1 rupee per diem, and a peon to accompany him on Rs. 7 a month and batta. It is believed that these payments will stimulate the energies of both private and public vaccinators, and in no other manner whatever can district vaccination be conducted cheaper than at 1 anna per case. In a crowded town, it might be done, as at Coimbatore at 9 pies, but this is quite exceptional. A Madras paper adds:—It has not been found in experience that an increased number of paid vaccinators has resulted in an economical increase of vaccination. The batta to the Superintendent is a most essential point, as the check on the returns depends on his duly visiting every village where operations have been conducted. In some cases, of late, the village Monigars have collected the whole children of the village, and work has been done in one day, which, in other cases, would have been the result of three or four months' unaided operations of a vaccinator.

The *Pioneer* tells the following story of pluck and daring:—We have heard of a brave thing which was done a few days ago at Jutog, near Simla. In the gun-room of the Mountain Battery stationed there, were some seventy leather ammunition-boxes, each containing eight loaded shells. From within one of these boxes a slight explosion was heard, and smoke seen to issue. There were eighteen or twenty men in the room whom the Sergeant on duty instantly ordered out of danger, and himself up-lifting the box by the two handles, he staggered out with the deadly load poised upon his chest, and deposited it full twenty yards away on the middle of the parade-ground. As he did so, the contents gave forth another warning report. On eventual examination it was discovered that some of the friction-tubes had become displaced during battery practice, and worked away under the base of a shell, the weight of which had ignited them when the box was set down. That the shells themselves did not burst, sending a score of human beings to destruction and wrecking half Jutog besides, seems a miracle; and that they did not, detracts nothing from the heroism of the act: it is even possible to conceive that the immediate change in the position of the ammunition-box prevented a catastrophe. It appears to us that it is this sort of courage above all—calm, reflective, and unselfish—which should win a soldier his V. C. Has Sergeant Lucking won his?

We print in another column an article from the Calcutta paper, the *Englishman*, in which is noticed a subject of great literary interest, and one that is slowly but surely forcing its way into more prominence daily. The fixing of the date of the ancient Sanscrit literature of India, represented by the Mahabharata with its episode of the Bhagavat Gita, the Ramayana, the Rigveda and some other works, with which a few persons only, and they but superficially, are at present acquainted, may raise a question of the highest significance especially if the evidence produced should fix the date of these great productions at a period very much older than our own sacred books. One or two adventurous writers have expressed a very decided opinion that the Institutes of Menu, the Vedas and the Ramayana are the oldest books in existence, and that not only the Sanscrit language in which they were written, but their high moral tone and the elevated thoughts they contain have permeated all the nations of mankind, Egyptians, Jews, Assyrians, Greeks, Romans and finally Europe; and that we ourselves must acknowledge the Sanscrit parentage of much that we reverence. The subject, however, is so delicate that to attempt to handle it seems to be presumptuous. We carefully abstain from expressing an opinion one way or the other, but to avoid noticing the phenomena presented by the increased study and knowledge of the Sanscrit language and literature, would be to shut our eyes to a most interesting and, we might add, most exciting topic. Though now no bigger than a man's hand and still in the horizon the movements of the cloud that is arising cannot escape observation.

The Government of India have, we learn, expressed a desire to be furnished with fuller and more accurate information than is at present available of the condition and prospects of the cotton trade, and have requested the Bengal Government to submit, at the close of each official year, a report containing the information detailed below, and such other particulars as may seem necessary:—(1.) Total area under cultivation in acres in each district. (2.) Species cultivated. (3.) Sowing time. (4.) Gathering time. (5.) Total out-turn of each district of cleaned cotton. (6.) Quantity of seed required per acre. (7.) Average on them of cleaned cotton per acre. (8.) Average selling price of cleaned cotton. (9.) Total estimated value of the crop. (10.) Total quantity exported from each district. (11.) Total value of exported cotton. In view of supplying the above information, the Bengal Government have addressed a circular to all Commissioners with-in its control, adding that it will probably be found convenient to submit this information in the form of a tabular statement. The first report will be required at the close of the current year 1875-76. The Lieutenant-Governor has caused, we hear, a report for the past year to be submitted to the Government of India, which was compiled from such information as is already available to Government. We can only say, remarks the *Indian Daily News*, from whom we take this information, that if Government have not full information on cotton after having had for years a well-paid Cotton Commissioner, it is only one more evidence of the existence of those Governmental shams which a le[illegible] administration was fruitful in initiating. If Lord Auckland swept the whole of them away on his accession, as he would, to adopt the French phrase, have "deserved well of the country."

The *Friend of India*:—Mr. Lewis Hynes, of the Bombay Mint, publishes some interesting letters on "the fall in silver," in the *Bombay Gazette*. Mr. Hynes has the merit of seeing and stating clearly the magnitude of the task urged upon the Government, when it is required to change the standard. He tells us that, "*at the very least* it would take seven years to effect the change, as the gold required for coinage, except what is already in India, could not be bought with silver, but would have to be received in payment of the balance of trade due to India, and that ninety millions of gold would require to be coined before it could be considered the standard of the country; that it would take at least seven years to collect this gold and probably longer; and that the direct losses on the change, which would have to be met from the revenues of India, would be about 21 millions if the change were carried out in seven years, but would be lessened if the period were extended." If India demonetizes silver, we may reasonably look for a very rapid decline in the value of the metal, and it may well fall from 55*d.* to 40*d.* per ounce. The economic effects of changing our standard no one can foresee, but they ought to be forecast carefully before such a change is seriously thought of. We suggest to Mr. Hynes that he should reprint his letters in independent form. We know that he has given much attention to the subject, and we should like him to forecast the effects of demonetizing silver upon the value of *both* metals. Ten years ago we were advised to change our standard on the ground that silver was rising in value as compared with gold. To-day we are asked to do so on the ground that it is falling. We are ourselves inclined to the belief that India had better retain her silver standard under present circumstances; and that instead of the moment being opportune for the change, it is the reverse. We should like to see Mr. Hynes reconsider this carefully; for he has spoken hastily.

INDIAN NEWS-LETTERS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

POONA, 16TH SEPT.

The last week has been rather a dull one for this time of the year. Poona is, of course, at its fullest on account of the races, but, excepting these, there has hardly been any excitement of any kind for the fashionable. In these circumstances the Honourable Mr. Rogers has played a charitable part in giving them something to talk about; and as for Captain Hogg, his Mounted Infantry never created so much excitement. I notice that your columns are pretty full of letters on the subject, mostly endeavouring to defend him before the public since he failed to justify himself before the Magistrate.

The Soldiers' Industrial Exhibition will open to-morrow and remain open for more than a week. Unlike the rule of Fancy Bazaars, people are not allowed to carry away the things they buy until the Exhibition closes; so the exhibiting can continue even when everything is sold. The Horse Show opens next week. Each of these events will be followed by a ball on the same evening, for the more effectual weeping of His Excellency who, after opening the Horse Show, will have to hurry back to Gunnesh Khind to receive his guests at the grand annual ball. I think I gave your readers the date of this, the 22nd of this month. To-morrow again will be the night of the Club Ball. I fear the weather will be unpropitious again. The rain, which seemed

THE KING OF BURMAH.

(Globe.)

The information that has been received regarding Mr D. Forsyth's mission to Upper Burmah, and the description of the manner in which complications with that part of India have been temporarily warded off, although satisfactory so far as present peaceful relations are concerned, contrasts so strangely with the attitude lately assumed towards Baroda, that we cannot help wondering by what rules of policy the Government of India is guided in these matters. The Gaekwar was alleged to have attempted the life of only one person, and had been unsuccessful, whereas the King of Burmah was charged with having instigated the murder of three, one of whom had actually fallen a victim to his machinations. A formal commission was appointed to try the one, and, notwithstanding that they were unable to come to a unanimous verdict, the Gaekwar was removed from the government of Baroda. A mission was also formally despatched to Mandalay, but in this instance, instead of appearing as the dignified messengers of an Imperial Government determined to sift to the utmost a cruel and cowardly act committed against British officers, we find them loaded with presents for the wretched despot at Mandalay. Crouching, bootless, and with the soles of their feet turned away, the British Ambassadors obtained an audience of the golden-footed Majesty. His personal assurance to the effect that he was not implicated in the murder of Mr. Margary appears to have been readily accepted without question, and in reply to the remonstrance of the Government of India respecting his attitude toward Karennee, he agreed to remain neutral as regards Western Karennee, but could give no promise with reference to Eastern Karennee. He further refused the request of the Indian Government to allow British troops to pass through his territories, and with the rather doubtful compliment of presenting each soldier of the escort that accompanied the mission with a pocket pistol he allowed them to return. The minute published by the Government of India in no way clears the mystery that attaches to their proceedings. It cannot be said that the King of Burmah has ever acquired a name either for honour or veracity. Indeed, the State records would probably show that he, of all Indian Princes, is the least to be trusted. Wherefore, then, it may fairly be asked, has he been treated with such extraordinary favour and forbearance? Whatever the real reason may be, it is to be feared that the same timid and hesitating policy that dictated the appointment of a mixed commission to try the Gaekwar has determined the attitude assumed towards the King at Mandalay, with this difference, that the later proceedings have partaken more of the character of a farce than of an expression of the opinion of a civilized Government on a foul and treacherous act.

THE LATE LORD MAYO.

(Times, August 27.)

The fine equestrian statue in bronze of the late Governor-General of India by Mr. Thomas Thornycroft has been successfully cast at the foundry of Messrs. Cox, at Thames Ditton, and is about to be sent out to take the place allotted to the monument near Government House at Calcutta, where it will stand in company with the equestrian statue of Lord Hardinge by the late Mr. Foley, R.A. Lord Mayo is represented in the ordinary full dress of a Cabinet Minister, which is richly embroidered with gold lace, but without the large State cloak officially worn by a Governor-General of India, as this would have interfered much with the effect of an equestrian statue. His high rank however, is marked by the collar of the Grand Master of the Order of the Star of India and the riband of the Order of St. Patrick. The head being uncovered, allows the massive yet delicately-modelled features to be seen to advantage, and the look and attitude are full of dignity, the right hand being held forward as if to give emphasis to his words on some public occasion. As a portrait, it has been pronounced admirable by all who know him, and even those who had not that advantage find it most impressive and interesting in the expression of calm intellectual power united with the gentleness and suavity for which Lord Mayo was remarkable. The sculptor has, with the truest feeling of his art, thrown meaning and expression into the noble animal, which bears his master as it proud to be under command of one in authority; he stamps the bit and paws the ground, but yields submissively to the strong hold of a rider who sits him with the most perfect ease and mastery. The commission for this important undertaking was only given by the Committee in London, who were delegated by the Calcutta Committee to select a sculptor by competition in June, 1873; so that it has actually been modelled and cast in less than two years. The London Committee, who, we believe, had little embarrassment in deciding upon Mr. Thornycroft's design, were Sir Henry Sumner Maine, K.C.S.I., Dr. Frederick Mouat, Mr. R. Bourke (Lord Mayo's brother), Mr. Seton Karr, and Colonel Burne, who was Lord Mayo's private secretary in India. The whole cost of the monument is met by the subscription in India. It may be added, as a matter of practical interest in reference to the casting of this large work, which stands nearly 14 feet high without the pedestal, that the horse was cast at one jet, and so perfectly that most of the details are seen precisely as it left the mould. The mould for this weighed no less than 18 tons. The figure was cast in five pieces, the head and trunk being in one. The horse is formed of nine parts of copper to one of tin. The foundry at Thames Ditton is, we are informed, a new enterprise, and promises to afford important results in these large art works.

CHINESE CONSULAR REPORTS.

(Times.)

The reports from Her Majesty's Consuls in China for the last year are of considerable interest from several points of view. A general rule they show that the trade of China is on the increase but side by side with this we find the fact that it is more and more falling into small hands. A period of encroachments on the part of Asiatic traders, as well as native officials, is steadily pursuing a course inimical to all foreign interests. To some extent, we are told, foreign merchants have themselves to blame for this state of things. They, it appears, took, some years ago, a rather questionable mode of extending their business in the interior of the Empire. Under the Transit Pass clause of the last treaty, foreigners enjoyed an advantage over natives in being enabled to send cotton and woollen goods into the interior by paying a fixed Transit duty amounting to half the import duty, while natives remained subject to the capricious exactions of the Mandarians. Under that system the trade was pretty well divided between foreigners and natives, we are told, the latter buying from the former, and taking their chance of getting the goods through. But the foreigners were not content with that arrangement; they wanted to control more fully the internal trade, and to that end sold the use of their names to native traders, who were thus able to pass goods that they had bought into the heart of the country under the Transit duty. This acted very well for a time, but, being resorted to by all native dealers, it seems to have gradually caused the Transit trade to drift into their hands, and now it is impossible to get goods into the interior from some ports, except by means of native guilds, who charge just what duty they please. The consequence of this is that the old capricious, greedy, treacherous ground is once more that on which foreign trade with China threatens to rest, and the exactions under which foreign merchants groan threaten by-and-by to produce the old result. In spite of this enormous drawback, the volume of foreign trade with China is increasing, and native merchants do not materially trench on the ground of the importer. They confine themselves, from mixed motives of pride, jealousy, and inordinate greed, to hunting the foreigner out of the internal markets and establishing an order of things which enables them to torture and fleece him to their heart's content.

So far as may be gathered from the Reports, no other nation competes seriously with ourselves in supplying China with manufactured goods. Importations of Manchester cottons continue to increase at a really surprising rate, and the same may be said of those from Russia in the coarser kinds of woollen fabrics. The shipping trade remains chiefly in our hands and those of the Americans, whose river boats on the Yangtsee Kiang carry on a large traffic. Ocean traffic is, of course, divided between America, France, and ourselves, but ours is the lion's share. Here, however, the Chinese themselves have to encounter a rivalry which may possibly in time become serious, although as yet spoken lightly of. They have established a native steamship company for river and coasting traffic. This company is well subsidized and strongly supported by the "foreign-devil"—hating Viceroy of Chio-li. It does not appear to be well patronized by the natives for all that, and there would seem to be complaints against it on the score that it is injuring existing native interests.

A chief topic in these Reports is the opium trade, and it is one that possesses very strong interest to this country for several reasons. All testimony seems to concur, for example, in sustaining the fact that the competition of native-grown opium is yearly gaining ground upon the Indian. There is still a great demand, of course, for the Indian drug, and a great deal of the native is used either merely to supplement it or by the people in districts where but for it no opium would have been used at all. But, making all allowance for these considerations, it remains that the native opium is gaining ground. A taste for it is said to be growing up among people who formerly used Indian, and the consistently hostile policy of Chinese officials in many places fosters the former against the latter. Few disillusions are, in fact, more complete than that produced by a study of the Chinese mode of handling the opium traffic, and well-meaning philanthropists in this country might moderate their wrath against a corrupt and inhuman Indian administration did they realize how steadily Chinese officials have treated opium as a source of inordinate gain. At present they handle the conflicting opium interests with their accustomed skill. Against the native grower all manner of edicts are fulminated. He is forbidden under the severest penalties to cultivate the poppy, and then when he defies the law officials are able to make him pay that price for his impunity in doing so. Thus, the righteous, self-denying edicts against native opium are useful as a means of raising irregular contributions towards the Mandarins' expenses. Foreign opium is differently dealt with on the same principle that regulates Chinese dealings with other branches of foreign trade. It has been consigned to the native guilds, just as cotton or woollen goods or any other imported article. The treaty stipulations are not ostensibly ignored. On the contrary, if a foreign merchant pays the Transit duty and sends his opium into the interior, nobody will say him nay. But he will not be able to sell it there when once he has got it in. Whenever he makes a sale the purchaser will be pounced upon and made to pay to the Guild at least twice the duty that would have been exacted had the merchant consigned it would have its charge at the first. This method of his opium to opportunities of plunder to the official affords splendid chances with the official class who go shares with the guilds over the whole range of the import trade, but it acts with peculiar force on Indian opium, which is subject with peculiar force on Indian that has driven the foreigner to "squeezes" to an extent altogether. It is practically in the hands of the Indian merchant out of the trade native traders and now almost entirely in the hands of native smugglers, who ship it from Hong-kong and Shanghai to the other ports and take it inland as best they can. No doubt this system militates against prosperity in the Indian opium traffic, but that is not a circumstance our English merchants should regret, although one which, coupled with the spread and improvement of the native product, may cause considerable trouble to the Indian Exchequer. Even it can have this consolation, however—that mere greed will prevent the Chinese from so loading the Indian drug with imposts as to drive it from the market altogether, so long, at least, as the native article does not offer the same chances of profitable robbery.

The exports of China beyond tea and silk are chiefly noticeable for the indication they afford of what China might be capable of were it opened up and free like a civilized country. There is nothing to hinder China from becoming a great exporter of raw cotton, wool, metals, coal, corn, tobacco, sugar, and a host of other things which the rest of the world could find room for and consume. As yet the small streamlets of her exports give but the faintest indication of what might be, but the tendency is towards increase, and the taste of profit which the small beginnings afford may, yet work wonders in opening up the country. There is, at things are, a very encouraging increase in the export of sugar, and the Council at Swatow says that much land in his neighbourhood hitherto used for growing rice has been planted with sugar-cane. A British firm has recently established machinery for crystallizing the raw sugar with considerable success, and doubtless, if let alone, this might soon become a great Chinese industry. But China, like Turkey, is cursed with officials who no sooner see signs of wealth than they take means to appropriate it. The tea and silk exports do not offer anything fresh beyond the fact that they lie under the disadvantages which affect all trade with the Empire.

CHRISTIANS IN EASTERN CHINA.

In an article which we recently printed on Christians in the Western Provinces of China, we confined our remarks to the Roman Catholic missionaries and their converts, since, as their enemies are never tired of repeating, Protestant missionaries are in the habit of exercising their callings only, as a rule, in the littoral provinces of the empire. There, however, we find them contesting the ground with their Roman Catholic rivals, not altogether successfully, if we are to accept the reported numbers of the respective converts as the criterion of success, but certainly with less friction and therefore possibly with a better assurance of future prosperity and peace.

Two recent numbers of the *China Review* contain an account of a visitation tour to different missionary stations in the interior of the province of Fuh-keen, from which we are able to gather a fair idea of the state of Protestant missions in China, of the work that is being done, and of the effects which this form of Christianity exercises over its converts and produces in the minds of the Mandarins. And the first thing that attracts attention, in comparing the narrative with the histories of the progresses made by Roman Catholic missionaries in the interior, is the simplicity of all the arrangements. No guns were fired as the travellers arrived at their halting-places; no crackers announced their departures of a morning; no crowds came out of the cities to meet them; and no Mandarins visited them. The nearest approach to a reception given them was on their arrival at a town about seventy miles from Fuh-chow, and it is thus described:—"Descending by the narrow pathway it was evident that we were expected; the Christian greeting, 'To pengang?' ("It is all peace?") was increasingly frequent as we neared the walls. As we passed rapidly through the narrow streets a small crowd ran by our side; and, suddenly turning in through a narrow archway, we found ourselves standing between a catechist's house and a building, the appearance of which at once proclaimed it most unmistakably a Christian church. We stood quietly by, deeply interested spectators of the greetings which were being exchanged between our guide and friend (the missionary) and the Christians assembled to welcome him. A fine set of men they seemed, some venerable, with snows of seventy-five winters on their heads, but with stalwart frames and piercing eyes; other young men of various ages; but all displaying a manly independence, which would at once have dissipated the idea, had it existed, that these were Christians for temporal advatage."

But though thus wanting in much of the pride of circumstance to which Roman Catholic missionaries are accustomed, both the Protestant missionaries and their converts have had less to endure at the hands of the Mandarins than have their Roman Catholic rivals. Not that they have been free from persecution, but only from that fierce form of it which is accompanied by riot and ends in violent death. At Kienning, for example, the Church work was lately suspended for three years, in consequence of a subtle, lingering, and peculiarly Chinese mode of persecution. It seems that, some animosity having been excited against certain of the natives who had embraced Christianity, and more especially against the catechists, advantage was taken of the death of an old beggar in the village to trump up a charge of murder against one of the new sect, for which purpose the body was deposited in the night, at a Christian's door. The next morning the Mandarin, with prompt activity, ordered the corpse to be placed inside the house pending a full inquiry into the case, the house to be sealed up and the Christian owning to be taken to his Yamun for examination. Once there, the wretched man was imprisoned, beaten, and tortured, until death relieved him from his sufferings. The catechist, who was included in the charge of murder was fortunately absent at the time of the occurrence, notwithstanding which he was diligently sought after, and eventually only saved himself from a like fate to that which had overtaken his confrère by being able to produce a pawn-ticket which proved beyond question that at the time when the beggar died he was redeeming some clothes from pawn in the city of Fuh-chow. Well-to-do Christian pointed out to his visitors a Mandarin's cross affixed to the door of one of his houses, by the presence of which emblem he was prevented from either using or letting the building. Though no crime was attributed to him, no redress for the injustice done was possible, and thus he could only look forward to the possibility of his being deprived of the use of his house for years, or until the tide of events should turn in his favour.

But these are the dark spots in the picture presented to us. Elsewhere, if the missionaries have not the support of the authorities, they are at least allowed to work unmolested, and in some places tangible evidence is afforded of the increasing hold which Christianity is gaining on the minds of the people. At Achia, for instance, a church has been built large enough to seat 300 people, to which the natives have contributed 500 dols. worth of labour and material, 400 dols. only having been furnished by the Missionary Society; and "behind it there stands a fine parsonage house and school-room, lofty and well built, raised by the Christians entirely at their own expense, and only wanting the finishing touches to complete it." As the Christians at this place number only forty male adults besides their wives and families, this liberality is the more remarkable. After the long rolls of Roman Catholic conversions of which we have been accustomed to hear, forty male adults appear at first sight to be an insignificant result of eight years' labour; but at no place visited was the Christian community much larger, a fact which is to some extent to be attributed to the great care which is taken to administer the rite of baptism only to those who are deemed thoroughly prepared for it. At Ning-taik, for example, two out of the seventeen candidates who offered themselves for baptism on the visiting missionary were desired to wait until the next visitation. During the subsequent administration of the sacrament on this occasion the strangeness of the stock on which Christianity is being grafted in China was quaintly illustrated. "While the prayer was being read one of the recipients suddenly rose and quietly let down a neighbour's pigtail—it being as irreverent in Chinese eyes to pray with it rolled up as it would be in ours to keep the head covered."

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